PROJECT SAFE

Project SAFE is a program designed to provide priority access to evaluation, testing and treatment for parents and caregivers involved in child welfare cases who have been impacted by substance use.

Target Population

Project SAFE assists parents/caregivers statewide who are involved with the child welfare system, when there is a suspected substance use problem that may be impacting their ability to parent effectively. For those without health insurance, Project SAFE acts as a payer of last resort.

Referral and Service Initiation

Referrals to Project SAFE are made by the parent/caregiver's DCF Social Worker when substance use is of concern. Calls can be made to the Project SAFE referral line 24 hours a day at 1-800-272-0097. Referral information is then electronically transmitted to the treatment provider and supported by a DCF Release of Information.

Crisis Response

While the Contractor does not provide direct treatment, the treatment providers are expected to have in place a provision for on-call/after hour coverage.

Services and Interventions

The Contractor maintains and coordinates a statewide Network of service providers, authorizes levels of care, and processes payment claims submitted by the Network of service providers.

Project SAFE provides priority access to the following outpatient services through the Network of service providers:

- Evaluation (includes drug screen)
- Group counseling
- IOP (Intensive Outpatient)
- Urine drug screens

- Individual counseling
- Family counseling
- PHP (Partial Hospitalization)
- Hair testing

Reporting Expectations

- The Contractor submits individual, client level data to the Department's PIE System or other system as required by the Department.
- o The Contractor provides reports on access and utilization, fiscal impact, status of network provider, and other reports as needed.